

PREPARATION AND SURFACE MODIFICATION OF PLASTIC MICROFLUIDIC CHIP

ABSTRACT

The present invention discloses a method for preparation and surface modification of plastic microfluidic chip is disclosed. A microfluidic chip is first 5 prepared by micromachining using a laser scribe on a plastic substrate, such as a PMMA substrate, to have a desired trench width or trench widths and desired aspect ratio. Surface modification is obtained after a thermal annealing treatment, followed by a chemical modification process. During the chemical modification diverse functional groups such as perfluoroalkyl (-C_nF_{2n+2}), amino (-NH₂) or sulfhydryl (-SH) 10 are introduced to perform surface passivation or further biomolecules immobilization. A plastic microfluidic chip with modified surface characters is thus obtained. The present invention also discloses plastic microfluidic chips so prepared.